GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revenue (Commercial Taxes) Department - Surprise check conducted on 20.01.2016 by the ACB officials over the Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore dist., on the allegation of corruption - Common Disciplinary Proceedings initiated under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against the employees of C.T., and TR&B Depts. - Entrusted the case to COI - Inquiry Report submitted - Charges held proved/partly proved - Written representations received - Proposed to impose penalty under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Show Cause Notices issued - Written representations submitted - Imposed penalties of withholding of 6% monthly pension for a period of one year against three retired COs viz., 1) Sri Singuru Jagabandu Swamy, CTO & AO (CO-1) (retd.on 31.05.2024), 2) Sri Shaik Shabbeer, Sr.Asst.(CO-4) (retd.on 30.04.2020) and 3) Sri Nimmala Venkata Ramana, Jr.Asst.(CO-11) (retd.on 31.05.2018) respectively - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 888 Dated: 18-08-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.C.No.2/DES-NNL/2016, dated 24.10.2016.
2. G.O.Ms.No.311, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Dept., dated 07.06.2019.
3. G.O.Ms.No.312, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Dept., dated 07.06.2019.
4. G.O.Rt.Nos.634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647 and 648, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Dept., dated 07.06.2019.
5. G.O.Rt.No.583, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Dept., dated 14.07.2020.
6. G.O.Rt.No.660, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Dept., dated 18.10.2021.
7. G.O.Rt.No.584, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Dept., dated 14.07.2020.
8. G.O.Rt.No.625, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Dept., dated 03.08.2022.
9. From the Member, COI, D.O.Lr.No.64/COI-JS/2021, dated 14.03.2023 (Inquiry Report).
10. Govt.Memo.No.137298-17023/59/2016, dated 25.11.2023.
11. U.O.Note No.137298-17023/59/2016, dated 25.11.2023.
12. G.O.Rt.No.1093, Revenue (Vigilance-VI) Dept., dated 27.11.2023.
13. G.O.Rt.No.1094, Revenue (Vigilance-VI) Dept., dated 27.11.2023.
14. G.O.Rt.No.1095, Revenue (Vigilance-VI) Dept., dated 27.11.2023.
15. From the CCST, Lr.Ref.No.V1/228/2017, dated 13.02.2024.
16. G.O.Rt.No.340, Revenue (Vigilance-VI) Dept., dated 23.04.2025.
17. Govt.Memo.No.REV-17023/59/2016-VIG II-REV (Computer No.137298), dated 23.04.2025.
18. From Sri S.Jagabandhu Swamy, CTO & AO (retd.), explanation dated 24.04.2025.
19. From Sri Shaik Shabbeer, Sr.Asst. (retd.), explanation dated 29.04.2025.
20. From the CCST's Lr.Ref.No.V1/126/2016, dated 30.04.2025,
21. From the CCST's Lr.Ref.No.V1/126/2016, dated 07.05.2025.
22. From the CCST's Lr.Ref.No.V1/126/2016, dated 27.05.2025.
23. From the CCST's Lr.Ref.No.V1/126/2016, dated 23.06.2025.

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ORDER:

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, the DG, ACB has reported that based on credible information that the officers and staff of Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore dist., were indulging in corrupt practices habitually by collecting illegal gratifications directly and also through unauthorized agents (private persons) by abusing their official positions from the crew members/owners of the vehicles, passing through the check-post, without conducting physical verification of the vehicles, connected records of the goods being transported and vehicles and thereby causing pecuniary advantage for themselves and pecuniary loss to the Government exchequer, the DSP, ACB, Nellore Range, Nellore organized a surprise check over Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem on 20.01.2016 between 07.45 hours to 12.30 hours in the

presence of mediators with the help of staff and it revealed that the officials working in Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal resorting to malpractices by collecting mamools directly from the crew of the vehicles passing through the check post for ignoring the violations of transporters and thereby caused pecuniary loss to the Govt.Exchequer and has recommended to place the SOs-1 to 15 on their defence before TDP/COI for major penalty for violation of Rule 3(1), (2), (3), 4(1) & (5) and 9 (8) (A) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and in respect of Sri B.Vishnu Narayana Reddy, Technical Support Engineer recommended to remove him from service since he is working as outsourcing employee.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, Govt., issued orders initiating common disciplinary proceedings against all fifteen (15) SOs i.e., 1) Sri Singuru Jagabandu Swamy, S/o.Tulasi Dhamacharyulu, CTO & Administrative Officer (SO-3), 2) Sri Bathala Gopal, S/o.B.Somaiah, ACTO (SO-4), 3) Sri Kattasani Rami Reddy (Ramaiah), S/o.Late K.Duggi Reddy, ACTO (SO-5), 4) Sri Shaik Shabbeer, S/o.Ahmmad, Sr.Asst., O/o.DC(CT), Nellore (retd.on 30.04.2020) (SO-6), 5) Sri Kudumula Srinivas, Jr.Asst., O/o.CTO-II, Nellore (SO-7), 6) Sri Chilakuri Sukumar Babu, Jr.Asst., O/o.CTO-II, Nellore (SO-8), 7) Sri Vootla Bala Krishna, S/o.Chinna Venkaiah, Jr.Asst., O/o.CTO, Kavali (SO-9), 8) Sri Potluri Hari Krishna, S/o.Yellaiah, Jr.Asst., O/o.CTO-III, Nellore (expired on 30.05.2021) (SO-10), 9) Sri Kulluru Muni Swamy, Jr.Asst., O/o.CTO, Gudur (SO-11), 10) Sri Rathna Balaji Singh, Office Subordinate, O/o.CTO-II, Nellore (SO-12), 11) Sri Chenagana Nageswara Rao, Attender, CTO No.1, Nellore (retd.on 31.05.2021) (SO-13), 12) Sri Kunapareddy Vijaya Sankar, S/o.Subba Rao, Sr.Asst., O/o.CTO, Gudur (SO-14), 13) Sri Nimmala Venkata Ramanaiah, S/o.Venkaiah, Jr.Asst., O/o.DC(CT), Nellore (retd.on 31.05.2018) (SO-15), 14) Sri Dandu Polaiah, S/o.D.Narasaiah, Hamali (retd.on 30.11.2022) (SO-16) and 15) Sri Kukkala Linga Rao, S/o.Anjaneyulu, Asst.Motor Vehicle Inspector, Transport Wing (SO-1) respectively under Sub-Rules (1) and (2) of Rule 24 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

3. Whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, Govt., issued sanction orders initiating departmental proceedings against Sri Nimmala Venkata Ramanaiah, S/o. Venkaiah, Jr.Asst., Commercial Tax Dept., Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore district (retd.on 31.05.2018) (SO-15) under Sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of Sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

4. Whereas, in the reference 4th read above, Govt., issued orders framing articles of charges against all fifteen (15) COs i.e., 1) Sri Singuru Jagabandu Swamy, CTO & AO, 2) Sri Bathala Gopal, ACTO, 3) Sri Kattasani Rami Reddy (Ramaiah), ACTO, 4) Sri Shaik Shabbeer, Sr.Asst., 5) Sri Kudumula Srinivas, Jr. Asst., 6) Sri Chilakuri Sukumar Babu, Jr.Asst., 7) Sri Vootla Bala Krishna, Jr.Asst., 8) Sri Potluri Hari Krishna, Jr.Asst.(expired), 9) Sri Kulluru Muni Swamy, Jr.Asst., 10) Sri Rathna Balaji Singh, Office Subordinate, 11) Sri Chenagana Nageswara Rao, Attender, CTO (Retd.), 12) Sri Kunapareddy Vijaya Sankar, Sr.Asst., 13) Sri Nimmala Venkata Ramanaiah, Jr.Asst., (Retd.), 14) Sri Dandu Polaiah, Hamali (Retd.) and 15) Sri Kukkala Linga Rao, Asst.Motor Vehicle Inspector, Transport Wing respectively under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

5. Whereas, in the reference 5th read above, Govt., issued orders appointing Sri T.A.Tripathi, IPS, Member, COI as Inquiry Authority to enquire into the charges framed against the COs and the case was re-assigned to Sri J.Satyanarayana, IPS (Retd), CoI vide reference 6th read above. Whereas, in the reference 7th read above, Govt., issued orders appointing Smt.K.Swarna Seshu, Advocate as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Authority on behalf of the Disciplinary Authority. In the reference 8th read above, Sri S.Srinivasa Rao, Advocate has been appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case on behalf of disciplinary authority in place of Smt.K.Swarna Seshu, Advocate.

6. Whereas, in the reference 9th read above, the Inquiry Authority has submitted the Inquiry Report on the charges framed against Sri Singuru Jagabandu Swamy, CTO & Administrative Officer, Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore district and twelve (12) others. The findings of the Inquiry authority are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Charged Officer	Finding of Inquiry Authority
1.	Sri Singuru Jagabandu Swamy, CTO & AO (CO.1)	Held as proved
2.	Sri Bathala Gopal, ACTO (CO.2)	Held as proved
3.	Sri Kattasani Rami Reddy (Ramanaiah), ACTO (CO.3)	Held as partly proved
4.	Sri Shaik Shabbeer, Sr.Asst. (CO.4)	Held as proved
5.	Sri Kudumula Srinivas, Jr.Asst. (CO.5)	Held as partly proved
6.	Sri Chilakuri Sukumar Babu, Jr.Asst. (CO.6)	Held as proved
7.	Sri Vootla Bala Krishna, Jr.Asst. (CO.7)	Held as proved
8.	Sri Potluri Hari Krishna, Jr.Asst.(CO.8) (Expired)	Expired on 30.05.2021
9.	Sri Kulluru Munu Swamy, Jr.Asst. (CO.9)	Held as partly proved
10.	Sri Kunapareddy Vijaya Shankar, Sr.Asst. (CO.10)	Held as proved
11.	Sri Nimmala Venkata Ramanaiah, Jr.Asst. (CO.11)	Held as proved
12.	Sri Dandu Polaiah, Hamali (CO.12)	Held as not proved
13.	Sri Kukkala Linga Rao, AMVI (CO-13)	Held as proved

7. Whereas, in the reference 10th read above, the Inquiry Report received from the Member, COI was communicated to Sri Singuru Jagabandu Swamy, CTO & AO and eleven (11) COs under Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, to submit their written representations, if any, in the matter within 15 days. Whereas, in the reference 11th read above, the Inquiry Report was communicated to TR&B Dept., with a request to communicate the same on the CO Sri Kukkala Linga Rao, AMVI, Transport Dept., to submit his written representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Authority, within the stipulated time.

8. Whereas, in the references 12th to 14th read above, Govt., issued orders abating further action against i) Sri Chenagana Nageswara Rao, Attender, ii) Sri Potluri Hari Krishna, Jr.Asst., and iii) Sri Rathna Balaji Singh, Office Subordinate, C.T.Dept., Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore district who were expired while in services on 26.10.2016, 30.05.2021 and 09.03.2017 respectively subject to recovery of loss caused by deceased officers, if any, from their terminal benefits, in terms of Rule-9(7) of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. Whereas, in the reference 15th read above, the CCST has furnished the served copies of Inquiry Report and written representations of the COs to the Govt., and requested to take necessary further action in the matter. The COs in their representations has denied the charges framed against them and requested the Govt., to drop further action against them.

10. Govt., after careful examination of the I.R., and material available and written representations submitted by the CO and with the Govt., entire matter and felt that the seized certain unaccounted amounts which were found excess i.e., Collected by Technical Support Engineer, as illegal gratification in collusion with other staff from the crew of the vehicles passing on through the ICP by abusing their official position without conducting physical verification of the vehicles, connected records of the goods and thereby caused wrongful loss to the State Govt.Exchequer and wrongful gain for themselves as the same has been proved in the Inquiry. Accordingly, Govt., have issued orders imposing the penalty of withholding two annual grade increments without cumulative effect against the following eight (08) COs as the charge has held proved/partly proved, viz., i) Sri Bathala Gopal, ACTO, ii) Sri Kattasani Rami Reddy (Ramaiah), ACTO, iii) Sri Kudumula Srinivas, Jr.Asst., iv) Sri Chilakuri Sukumar Babu, Jr.Asst., v) Sri Vootla Bala Krishna, Jr.Asst., vi) Sri Kulluru Muni Swamy, Jr.Asst., vii) Sri Kunapareddy Vijaya Sankar, Sr.Asst. and viii) Sri Kukkala Linga Rao, AMVI respectively and dropped further action against Sri D.Polaiah, Hamali as the charge held not proved in the inquiry vide reference 16th read above.

11. In respect of retired officers, Govt., have decided to impose penalty of withholding of 6% monthly pension for a period of one year on 1) Sri Singuru Jagabandu Swamy, CTO & AO, 2) Sri Shaik Shabbeer, Sr.Asst., and 3) Sri Nimmala

Venkata Ramanaiah, Jr. Asst., respectively under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980, as the charges are held proved against them.

12. Whereas, in the reference 17th read above, a show cause notice has been issued to the retired COs viz., 1) Sri Singuru Jagabandu Swamy, CTO & AO (retd. on 31.05.2024), 2) Sri Shaik Shabbeer, Sr. Asst.(retd. on 30.04.2020) and 3) Sri Nimmala Venkata Ramanaiah, Jr.Asst.(retd.on 31.05.2018) respectively as required under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 to submit their replies to the notices within 15 days to the Govt.

13. In reply to the show-cause notices, whereas, the CCST vide references 20th and 21st read above has furnished the served copies of the Show-Cause Notice and reply submitted by Sri S.Jagabandu Swamy, DC(CT) former CTO & AO (now retd.) stating that he has only AO for that time framed working between 10.30 AM to 05.00 PM., and requested to excuse him from the proposed to impose penalty of withholding 6% in his monthly pension for a period of one year as he worked his entire service without any blemish. Whereas, in the reference 19th read above, Sri Shaik Shabbeer, Sr.Asst.(retd.) O/o.JC(ST), Nellore has stated that he was one of the Sr.Asst., drafted to work at ICP, B.V.Palem, Tada for a period of one year on deputation basis. During ACB raid to check post on 20.01.2016 no way concern to charge leveled against him. He has requested to excuse him to reduction 6% pension for a period of one year. Whereas, in the references 22nd & 23rd read above, the CCST has stated that wherein the JC(ST), Nellore Division has submitted the served copies of Govt.Memos.dt.25.11.2023, 23.04.2025 and G.O.Rt.No.340, Revenue (Vig-VI) Dept., dt.23.04.2025 served to the CO Sri Nimmala Venkata Ramanaiah, Jr.Asst.(retd.on 31.05.2018) and stated that the JC(ST), Nellore Division, Nellore has informed that no representation has been received to show cause notice from Sri N.V.Ramanaiah, Jr.Asst.(retd.) within the stipulated period.

14. Government, after careful examination of the matter and written explanations submitted by the retired Charged Officers and in view of the findings of the Inquiry Officer, hereby order to impose penalty of withholding of 6% monthly pension for a period of one year against three (03) retired Charged Officers viz., 1) Sri Singuru Jagabandu Swamy, CTO & AO (CO-1) (retired on 31.05.2024), 2) Sri Shaik Shabbeer, Sr.Asst.(CO-4) (retired on 30.04.2020) and 3) Sri Nimmala Venkata Ramanaiah, Jr.Asst.(CO-11) (retired on 31.05.2018) respectively under A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

15. The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PEEYUSH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The individuals concerned (through the Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur district)
The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur district

Copy to:-
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, for favour of information
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, for favour of information
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SECTION OFFICER